

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

The informal drawing originally filed has been replaced with a formal drawing containing no new matter.

Transmitted herewith is a PTO-1449 making of record the references cited in the International Search Report, or there US equivalents, along with the German patent reference cited in the original application text.

The translated claims have been canceled and replaced with a set of 23 US-style claims. All the claims read on the method. Claims 30-35, 37, 46-48, 51, and 52 are generic.

Applicant herewith elects the species of invention shown in FIG. 7. Claims 37 - 43 and 49-50 read on the elected species.

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An action on the merits is awaited.

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